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## Letter dated 7 October 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA), located in Libreville, established following an exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council in 2009 and 2010 (S/2009/697 and S/2010/457) and its mandate most recently renewed and amended in 2015 (see S/2015/554 and S/2015/555).

My Special Representative for Central Africa and Head of UNOCA, Abdoulaye Bathily (Senegal), has informed me of his intention to conclude his assignment, with effect from 31 October 2016. In this regard, and in order to avoid a leadership gap in UNOCA at a time when the Central African subregion is facing a number of crises requiring immediate attention, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint François Louncény Fall (Guinea) as my Acting Special Representative for Central Africa and Head of UNOCA. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Bathily for his dedication and effective leadership of UNOCA.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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